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MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana Superintendents, Principals, Technology Leaders, Curriculum Directors, and Teachers

FROM: John Keller, Director of Learning Technologies

DATE: September 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Indiana Launches 21st Century Learning Lab with Focus on Digital Curriculum and Textbook Alternatives

On September 1, 2010 the Office of Learning Technologies at the Indiana Department of Education introduced the 21st Century Learning Lab (<http://pod.doe.in.gov/groups/21stcenturylearninglab>), a new communication channel which will be used to explore innovations in educational technology and to showcase the progress that Indiana schools are making in bringing such innovations to the classroom. There will be four main pieces to this project, all revolving around a monthly theme.

1. First will be a monthly podcast (posted on or around the 1st of the month) presented by an employee of the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). This will be an opportunity to tell the audience a little about the topic and IDOE's stance on it. The September podcast, focusing on Digital Curriculum and Textbook Alternatives, along with a podcast introducing the 21st Century Learning Lab, are available at <http://pod.doe.in.gov/groups/21stcenturylearninglab/blog/>. Listen to the podcasts on the site or use the link on this page to subscribe to the podcasts in iTunes.
2. Second will be the monthly webinar, which will be a chance for schools to tell other schools about their projects and successes. Each webinar will be moderated by a member of the IDOE staff, will include about three school participants, and will always include a 15-minute Q & A period.
3. The third piece of our 21st Century Learning Lab will be an internal "Lunch and Learn" session where we will inform IDOE staff members about the monthly topic.
4. Last, there will be ongoing conversations about the monthly topic. We will direct participants to share their thoughts and questions about the topic in the related Learning Connection (<https://learningconnection.doe.in.gov>) community. Also, three members of the Office of Learning Technologies staff – John Keller, Yancy Unger, and Gary Bates – will be blogging about all things ed tech. View the staff blogs at http://pod.doe.in.gov/groups/21stcenturylearninglab/wiki/42fb3/Staff_Blogs.html.



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This month's 21st Century Learning Lab webinar, discussing the topic of Digital Curriculum and Textbook Alternatives, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, September 23rd.

Representatives from Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Delphi Community School Corporation, and Indianapolis Public Schools will be speaking on their move toward digital curriculum and their use of textbook funds to purchase content and hardware for their students to access digital curriculum. Please join us for this webinar by following these instructions:

1. Go to <https://indiana-doe.webex.com/indiana-doe/j.php?j=648061433>
2. If a password is required, enter the meeting password: This meeting does not require a password.
3. Click "Join".
4. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

Audio conference information

To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the meeting, or call the number below and enter the access code.

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